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George C. Miles, a Visiting Lecturer at the University of Alexandria, Egypt and Chief Curator of the American Numismatic Society will speak at The Cleveland Museum of Art on Friday, October 23 at 8:15 p.m. His lecture is entitled ISLAMIC ELEMENTS IN BYZANTINE ORNAMENT. Miles will discuss the influence of Arab epigraphy and Sasanian-Islamic motifs on Byzantine architecture in Greece.

Dr. Miles is a graduate of Princeton University where he received his doctorate in 1937. He taught at Robert College, Istanbul, Turkey and has done archaeological excavations in Persia. After working at the Philadelphia Museum and Boston Museum of Fine Arts he went to the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton, New Jersey. Miles taught Turkish and Persian at Princeton University.

Dr. Miles has travelled extensively in the Near and Middle East and has made archaeological explorations in Crete and Greece. He has published numerous books and articles on Islamic epigraphy, numismatics and archaeology.

The lecture will be held in the auditorium of the Museum and is open free to the public.

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Friday, October 23, 1959, 8:15 p.m.

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Will you please fill out the attached form and return it as soon as possible to the Department of Education.

NAME George C. Miles

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EDUCATION Princeton University, AB 1926, MA 1930, PhD 1937

Taught at Robert College, Istanbul, Turkey, 1926-1929 and 1931-1933; excavated in Persia (Rayy, Luristan, Persepolis) for University Museum, CAREER HISTORY Philadelphia and Boston Museum of Fine Arts, 1934-1937; Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, 1938; taught Turkish and Persian at Princeton University, 1939-1941; U.S. Navy overseas (Turkey and India), 1941-1946; Chief Curator, American Numismatic Society, 1946 to present. Visiting Lecturer, University of Alexandria, Egypt, TRAVEL 1953-1954. Archaeological explorations in Crete and Greece, 1956, 1958.

Fifteen years residence and travel abroad, mostly in the Near and Middle East.

PUBLICATIONS Numerous books and articles, chiefly on Islamic epigraphy, numismatics, archaeology. Bibliography attached.

OTHER BIOGRAPHICAL FACTS Married, one daughter, a senior at Smith College; home, Irvington, N. Y.

EXACT TITLE OF LECTURE Islamic Elements in Byzantine Ornament

AIM AND SCOPE OF LECTURE The influence of Arab epigraphy and Sasanian-Islamic artistic motifs on Byzantine architecture in Greece.